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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 24, 2006, please consider the following remarks and amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.